

Our Ref: FOI2019/168

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Thursday, 29 August 2019

Dear Jasonara Stathamara

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Regarding your request for information received by the University of Westminster on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**The Request**

The University can confirm that it holds information relating to your request. Please see below for details of your recent request.

**The following request refers to students who enrolled in a law-related (i.e. Group M) course at the university in the following three years: 2016, 2017, 2018.**

**By ‘law-related course’, I refer to both single honours law and any law with a language, law with a year abroad, or joint honours law programmes which admitted students during this period.**

**My request:**

**Please provide the following information about the relevant students’ background for each of the three years (2016, 2017, 2018):**

**a. The % of students who are Black or Minority Ethnic (‘BME’);**

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- b. The % of UK-domiciled students who have come from a postcode that falls within POLAR4 young participation quintiles 1 or 2;**
- c. The % of all students (UK and EU and non-EU) who attended a private/fee-paying school;**
- d. The 10 most commonly-occurring secondary schools among all students who enrolled, whether these schools are located in the UK or abroad. Please provide this as a list in descending order of enrolment.**

## **The Response**

The University believes that the information you have requested, where held, can be obtained from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). Please see their website at <https://www.hesa.ac.uk>

As such, the University believes that the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) exemption S21 information accessible to applicant by other means is applicable.

For your information section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) says:

*(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.*

*(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—*

*(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and*

*(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.*

See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

We hope this information may be of use to you.

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If you are dissatisfied with this response you may ask the University to conduct a review of its decision.



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Please do so in writing (including by fax, letter or email) or in some other recorded form (e.g. audio or video tape), describe the original request, explain your grounds for dissatisfaction, and include an address for correspondence.

If after contacting the University of Westminster you are not happy with the outcome, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed.

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Yours sincerely,

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